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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, I have been very focused on partnering with education institutions, businesses, and workers to increase economic and workforce development in our state in a responsible manner. As I am concluding my fourth and final term, I recognize the many benefits that this proposed merger will bring to our state and consumers throughout Maine. It is my hope that these benefits will include faster broadband service with no data caps or usage-based pricing, a commitment to net neutrality, new investments in customer service, and plans to aggressively build out networks into new commercial areas to provide broadband to businesses. . As part of a state-wide Jobs Tour that I've embarked on over the last year, I have seen firsthand the importance of broadband access for businesses, especially in the rural areas of our state.

Here in Maine, Time Warner Cable employs 900 Mainers, including a call center in Portland with 200 employees. When I met with representatives from Charter and Time Warner in September, I was encouraged to hear about New Charter's plans to eliminate overseas call centers and bring more jobs back to the US. This commitment is significant and could be very beneficial to the Maine economy should New Charter decide to bring more jobs to Maine. It is my hope that other companies will follow New Charter's lead with respect to bringing jobs back to the US.

In addition, I understand that New Charter will fully digitize its new network so that Time Warner Cable customers can benefit from faster and more reliable broadband connections which play a critical role in education, health care and job training. I am very pleased that New Charter will actively engage with consumers of limited means by offering low-income households a discounted price on high-quality broadband service. This program will help those residents gain access to the power of the Internet for their personal and professional lives.

I respectfully ask you to consider these benefits and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Eves', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Eves  
Speaker of the House